

New York - 17 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1849.

My dear Gray  
Yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> is before me, & I  
previously received all the matters committed to D. Barney  
in excellent order, thanks to your careful packing -  
Indeed, when I saw the lenses of the Micros.<sup>2</sup> so nicely  
papered up, I confess that I gave the credit, in my own  
mind, to some little fingers that I wot of, rather than to  
yours - I wonder if I was right? Be that as it may, I felt  
greatly obliged to your care, whether you worked, per alium  
or per te. Of course I am much pleased with the Microscope  
& the Endlicher - As to Schk.<sup>2</sup> I accept your kind offer of  
the loan of the French Ed<sup>n</sup> which, as you say, is more read-  
able, by me, than the Dutch, but, in the first place, I re-  
member that Delavigne does not in all cases give the exact  
text of Schk. & in the next his plates are not, I suppose,  
the very same coppers, hence his figs. can't not properly  
be cited or referred to as Schk.<sup>1</sup> - Upon the whole, then, I  
concluded to ask Baott to pick me up a copy if one offers  
cheap, but before I give him the Commis.<sup>n</sup> please tell  
me, if you can, whereabouts I ought to expect to procure  
it, as I shoud not like to give a ridiculous figure as my  
limit - Would \$1. 1. - (\$5) be likely to procure the Ed<sup>n</sup> with  
the Supp.<sup>t</sup>, do you suppose?

Flower of Gentiana also rec<sup>d</sup>? not yet examined - Thanks.

Potamogeton papers, likewise - I did not contemplate  
the mutilation of your numbers of Sil. Journ. but since  
you have been willing - why shoud I fret about it? - Thanks.  
Wm. D. Barney

No mistake about *Juncus lamprocarpus* - I have now got a batch of beautiful specimens for you, made by our friend Sartwell to whom I wrote for them last summer -

Another new grass for our 2<sup>d</sup> Ed.<sup>n</sup>! An *Oriopsis*? from Mich.<sup>n</sup> amongst some ~~specimens~~ grasses sent to me to be named by Dr. Cooley - only 1 spec.<sup>n</sup> however, but I have written to him for more - The stout long-awned western *Stipa* must likewise find its way into the man. I have it now from Mich. (Cooley) It is a *juvencus* of your friend Wood, & the western fellows, but not the Europ. plant, if a French spec.<sup>n</sup> I have from Arnott (ex Herb. two!) be correctly named - As to the queer grass of shorts, I did not find it *Festuca nutans*, but, in fact, it is too old for any thing - let it pass - What have we to do with Kentucky? a Slave State!

Of course I was right about the *Scirpus*. Unfortunately for our dear confiding public I was not at Cambridge when the *Chenopod.* were worked up - "The Monkeys &c."

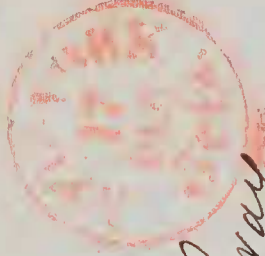
I suppose I now know *Poa hirsuta*, W. - it is as I suspected.

The plants you sent were very welcome - Those from S. Labrador, & Lake Sup.<sup>r</sup> highly, so - Storer & Whitney are new names to me - wonder whose bags they are? Some good fellow (or better yet, two dear sweet ladies) should own such unswervingly good hunters. Did you happen to notice a little cruciferous thing amongst Labradorians, looking like a *Cochlearia* or a small *Phlaspis*? Mine is only just coming into flower - what is it? Cruciferae are old pets of mine.

Our good friend Bostt has written me a small volume on *Carices*, amongst them *C. panicoides*. He now adopts the view I inclined to take (in fact did take, but re-wrote the matter) of uniting *C. tetanica* Schk. with *C. Meadii*, but

he thinks they are all distinct from *C. panicoides*, L. & the latter he says is "found at Boston by Greene & I think by Oakes" - If therefore there are any Dups? amongst those which were left over in your hands, please lay me by 3 or 4 spec.<sup>n</sup> (for anatomizing by thye) also 2 or 3 of *C. procaea*, for which I remember writing to poor Oakes himself - & *C. atrata*, of which I gave my Oakes' specimens to Bostt & wrote to you for more - How does Sprague get on now? Will another number of Gen. Must. be issued before you go to Eng.<sup>d</sup>? - How did the last number go off? also how is the *Manual* going off?

Harvey has looked over all my Dups? & took - all of them - He says he can trade them away to advantage. He spent one morning with me at Lane St. & I an hour with him at Mr. Harvey's where also I met our good Correy. I had a card from Dr. Rogers to meet Harvey at his house, but was not well enough in body or spirit to accept the invitation - H. goes for a week to Phil.<sup>a</sup> today or tomorrow - I am heartily rejoiced to hear that dear Mr. G. is mending - My sincere love is with both of you. H.



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 Massachusetts.

Now is it that you left me to father (in a certain  
 from Henry; the fact of our friend's letter that?  
 I have in you - please to present him my affection  
 of rejoice that you were not intimate with Mr. Webster  
 as you are those much being in consequence - what  
 an awful blow for his family!